PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Markus HENNEKEN, Friedemann JAUCH,

Kai-Uwe HERBSTER, Franz-Josef SCHULER

and Thomas MAUZ

For : KICK-DOWN SWITCHING SPEED

OPTIMIZATION FOR AN AUTOMATIC

TRANSMISSION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

Group Art Unit : 3681

Examiner : Roger Pang
Docket : ZAHFRI P441US

Commissioner of Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 13, 14, 21, 22 and 25 of the specification as follows in which the specification additions are shown by underlining and the specification deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the replacement specification paragraphs into the record of this case.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-8, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 9-20 as follows.